(*d*) As there was no pressure of work in the copyist section at the time of vacancy, no substitute was appointed. The vacancy was reported to Government on 10th Kanni 1114 for being filled up by the Staff Selection Board and is pending appointment. Applications for urgent copies are readily complied with. No inconvenience is caused to litigant public.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): I am told that there were more than 1,000 copy papers accumulated for want of copyists.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja (*Advocate-General*): We have no information. The District Judge who is controlling the establishment says that there was no inconvenience. For the information of the House, I state that the post has been subsequently filled up.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): If there is no inconvenience, why should it be filled up?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja (*Advocate-General*): At the earlier stages, there was no pressure of work. Subsequently the pressure was felt and it was filled up.

PROMOTIONS—POLICE DEPARTMENT.

51. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the member for Police be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the principle and policy which is adopted for giving promotions to;

(*i*) Police constables;

(*ii*) Head constables;

(*b*) is there any difference of principle and policy adopted in giving promotions to the grades of service mentioned above in the Madras Police Service;

(*c*) if there is any difference of principle and policy adopted, will the member for Police be pleased to explain to this House the reasons for the change?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*):

(*a*) The rules laid down in the general Standing Orders are followed.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No reply is necessary in view of answer to (*b*).

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): As far as question (*b*) is concerned do not the Madras Government hold a competitive examination for the recruitment of Police Constables there.

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Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Do our Government hold examinations?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): Examinations are conducted at the very outset here.

FIELD STAFF—POLICE DEPARTMENT.

52. Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of hands employed in the field service of the Police Department classified under the following heads of educational qualifications :—

(*a*) Graduates and above;

(*b*) Those who have undergone Collegiate Education but have not taken the B. A. Degree;

(*c*) S. S. L. C. or Matriculate hands;

(*d*) Third Form and above, but below School Final;

(*e*) Fourth class and above, but below Third Form;

(*f*) Illiterates, if any?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*):

(*a*) 16.
(*b*) 20.
(*c*) 71.
(*d*) 76.
(*e*) 239.
(*f*) 10.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Is there any necessity for retaining people who are illiterates?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon (*Commissioner of Police*): They were appointed years ago and they could not be sent away. They could be sent away in the ordinary course.

53. Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether there is any educational qualification fixed for recruitment to the field service of the Police Department;

(*b*) if the answer to question (*a*) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to fix a qualification at not less than the School Final standard;

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